

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 171 – HB 165

February 17, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Exempts dental hygienists from needing to pass an evaluation by a dentist prior to applying sealants, topical fluoride, and dental prophylaxis to individuals' teeth, provided the application takes place under the direction of a public health department and under a protocol established by the Department of Health or a metropolitan health department

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003060): Removes "prophylaxis" and changes "exam" to "evaluation."

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Health, rural regional dentists spend approximately 600 combined days completing exams for hygienists in the School Based Dental Prevention Program.
- To decrease these exams will allow local health departments to reallocate and redistribute resources for other dental duties. It is assumed metropolitan health departments could expect a similar redistribution of resources.
- The net fiscal impact to the Department will be not significant.
- This amendment (003060) will result in no substantive changes to the intent or effect of the original bill.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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